Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I think most of them.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know how much of additional hours they have now got to work?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* They have to attend office at 9 a. m. and leave at 5-30 with an interval of 1 hour in the noon.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to view the fact that they were originally entertained at a time when they had to work for lesser number of hours and in view of the fact that they are now working for longer hours, will the Government pay some increment to compensate for their additional work.

Mr. President: Is there any such undertaking either implied or written in respect of work, that they need work only for a fixed number of hours? I think there is no such undertaking. Then where is the foundation for such a question? Tomorrow we may pass an order that the Secretariat should work from 10 to 6. There may be officers who might have been entertained at a time when the Secretariat was working from 11 to 5. But that does not mean that they should be given something extra.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* My question is whether the Government will find it possible to increase their pay?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Not possible.

PRIVILEGE LEAVE FOR HIGHER STUDY—GRANT OF.

33. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued a circular prohibiting the grant of privilege leave for higher study?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes; privilege leave with pay.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether there are cases where privilege leave with pay has been granted to officers of Government in 1113 to 1114?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I do not know what exactly the hon'ble member means. So far as the study leave is concerned for a proper understanding of the whole thing I would refer the hon'ble member to Article 139 (*a*) of C. S. R.

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There study leave is mainly contemplated so far as technical or scientific studies are concerned, and not generally for mere higher education—academical qualifications—only. If a Government servant has to undergo any higher studies which will be of use to him so far as his particular work itself is concerned study leave is generally given, under certain conditions also. He has to put in so many years of service before taking leave, and the maximum period of leave that can be granted to him will be so many years. In such cases half of his pay is given as allowance. In other cases, for example, suppose a man who has passed S. S. L. C. enters government service and wants to prosecute higher studies by joining the Intermediate or B. A. Class. He wants to take leave for that. Such kinds of leave the Government will not give and if it is given under any circumstance he will not be entitled to any pay also. That is the circular that has been issued.

Mr. President: In other words, we are refusing privilege leave for study, not contemplated in the Standing Orders and Rules.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* When was this order passed ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Recently.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Where was the necessity to make such a circular when leave is not contemplated ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* In some cases as a matter of fact leave was given with allowance. But the Government found that such applications were flocking in. So the Government definitely made a ruling that such leave will not be granted, and that if at all anybody wants to take such leave he will have to forego his allowance.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Are not Government servants entitled to privilege leave after a certain period ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No Government servant is entitled to any kind of leave as a matter of right.

HON'BLE MINISTER'S TOUR TO COONOOR AND MADRAS.

34. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the purpose of the Hon'ble Minister's tour to Coonoor and Madras on 15th May 1939 and on 19th May 1939 ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* On Government business.

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